prohibiting insider trading in securities. These powers enable SEBI to discharge its responsibilities of protecting the interests of investors, regulating and supervising the capita! market, as well as promoting the development of this market more effectively.

**Telecom. Expansion Programmes in the Country**

*320. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 912 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Sweden has agreed to help India in telecommunication expansion programmes;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what are the other countries who have shown keen interest in telecommunication expansion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) There is no specific proposal in this regard.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Question does not arise.

**Construction of Sheds for Staff of Vile Parle Telephone Exchange**

2635. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Bombay are constructing sheds for office staff in the Vile Parle Telephone Exchange;

(b) wheher it is also a fact that construction of sheds by MTNL have been delayed due to certain reasons; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay of construction of these sheds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The construction of sheds in Vile Parie Telephone Exchange was in progress and was nearing completion. A case was filed in July, 1994 in Bombay City Civil Court by Shri Antony Francis Misquitta and others against MTNL stating that the property rights of the plaintiffs are usurped. Hon'ble Court has stayed further construction of the sheds.

**Setting up of Telephone Exchanges in Arunachal Pradesh**

2636. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Exchanges with STD facilities proposed to be installed in Arunachal Pradesh during the finanrcial year 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the district-wise break up with their location;

(c) whether there is also any proposal to instal one such Telephone Exchange with STD facilities at OYAN, East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so by which date it is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The number of telephone exchanges with STD facility planned for Arunachal Pradesh during 1994-95 is 13 and for 1995-96 it is 4.

(b) As given in the Statement. *(Sec* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is likely to be commissioned by March, 1995, subject to the availability of land.